AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 11, and cancel claims 9, 10, 19, and 20 as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An entry control system for permitting authorized users to access a controlled area by moving a barrier, comprising:

a close button, the close button producing a close signal whenever the close button is actuated by a user;

an entry request device for accepting a user authorization code;

a controller operably coupled to the entry request device and the close button and having an output,

such that the controller receives and authenticates the user authorization code and wherein the close button and the entry request device are disposed in a housing, and the receipt of the close signal from the close button automatically causes the controller to issue a close barrier signal at the output in order to close the barrier without the need to authenticate any user authorization code.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 comprising a barrier operator communicatively coupled to the controller at the output, the barrier operator receiving the close barrier signal.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 comprising an wherein the entry request device is a keypad.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the close button changes function after a predetermined time period.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 comprising a detector for detecting an RF-ID, and wherein the close barrier signal is not transmitted unless the controller detects an RF-ID.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) An entry control system for permitting authorized users to access a controlled area by moving a barrier, comprising:

a close button, the close button generating a close signal whenever the close button is actuated;

an entry request device for accepting a user authorization code;

a controller operably coupled to the entry request device and the close button and having an output,

such that the controller receives and authenticates the user authorization code and wherein the close button and the entry request device are disposed in a housing, the receipt of a close signal from the close button automatically causes the controller to issue a close barrier signal at the output in order to close the barrier without the need to authenticate any user authorization code, and ~~wherein~~ the close signal received from the close button is caused by the actuation of the close button by any user.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11 comprising a barrier operator communicatively coupled to the controller at the output, the barrier operator receiving the close barrier signal.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the entry request device is a keypad.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the close button changes function after a predetermined time period.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17 wherein the close button changes to a stop button.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the generation of the close barrier signals is delayed for a predetermined time after the actuation of the close button.